

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application                                  | ) | <u>PATENT APPLICATION</u> |
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| Inventors: Vercellotti, et al.                     | ) |                           |
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| Application No.: 10/716,437                        | ) |                           |
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| Title: SURGICAL DEVICE AND METHOD FOR BONE SURGERY | ) | <u>Customer No. 28554</u> |
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This RESPONSE is in reply to the outstanding Office Action.

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